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The Fight Against Lynching

1. Was the effort to stop lynching widespread? Explain your answer.
2. To what degree was it successful?
3. Who participated in this effort, primarily? Among ordinary citizens did both blacks and whites participate? Both men and women? Both Northerners and Southerners? Provide examples.
4. What organizations sponsored actions against lynchings? How effective were their efforts?
5. What American leaders (black and white) took a leading role? In what ways did American citizens exercise their Constitutional rights in the fight against lynching (e.g. right to vote, petition)?
6. Were remedies sought at the local, state and federal level? At which level was action most effective?
7. Were remedies sought from all three branches of government: the judiciary, executive and legislative?
8. Of all the methods listed to fight lynch law on the timeline, which do you believe was most effective? Why was lynching such a difficult crime to eradicate?